



Minutes for the Ely Pickleball Club Board Meeting

April 8, 2024

Northern Grounds Restaurant

1. **Meeting:** Called to order at 10:30 am.

Attendance: Liddy Sheppard, Michelle Hedin, Nancy Hernesmaa, Cathy Bell.

2. **Approval of March 2024, minutes:**

a) Motion by Liddy to accept the March minutes, second by Cathy.

b) Motion passed 4 Aye 0 Nay

3. **Treasurer's Report March 12 to April 8, 2024**

a) Beginning balance \$10,659.43

b) Income \$10 (drop-in fees)

c) Expenses \$775

1. \$500 (VCC scholarship)

2. \$275 (501c3 filing fee)

d) Ending balance \$9,894.43

e) Motion by Michelle to accept the Treasurers report as given, second by Liddy.

1. Motion passed 4 Aye 0 Nay

4. **Old Business**

a) Non-Profit Status

1. Ely Pickleball Club (EPC) Bylaws were amended under Article II – Purpose for filing 501(c)(3) with 49 club members voting yes to amend and 0 members voting no. Thank you all for your response!

2. Michelle will check for an existing State I.D. number from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, if not Cathy will file for one. After which Cathy will proceed to file with the Secretary of State for articles of Incorporation as a non-profit.

b) All research, documents, and any pertinent information will be saved in EPC Dropbox file.

c) Playing times at the College.

1. 7 am start time when gym is not needed by students/faculty, play past 10, again, if gym is not needed by students/faculty; not to exceed noon.

d) Facility/Land Search Committee Update

1. Adam Bisbee (Ely City Council member and Rep. for Parks and Rec.) is proposing an air supported domed multi-use recreation arena which would include pickleball courts. He will be exploring the formation of a joint powers board to bring numerous entities together to fund a feasibility study.

2. The Ely City Council has approved our request to paint Pickleball court lines at the Rec Center in conjunction with basketball lines. We will be coordinating with the Rec Center Facilities Director.

e) Liability Waiver/Indemnification

1. The school Insurance and waiver covers EPC during scheduled community education club play.

2. Michelle will contact Chris to define scheduled hours after May 31 so we can remain under the community education umbrella.

f) The scholarship check has been given to the college in the amount of \$500. Their committee will choose the recipient.

g) Notified Deb Miller that we are not interested in being involved in a pickleball tournament.

h) Guidelines for College student play:

1. Must sign a liability waiver.
2. Do not have to pay EPC as they already pay a student activity fee to the college.
3. Must know the rules of the game, have a basic beginner level of play, and are not required to take a beginner class.
4. May self-designate their level of play.

5. New Business

- a) Chris Hartman and EPC awaiting response for request to allow outdoor play to begin 4/15.
- b) Summer play survey results: 41 yes, 5 no
 1. Even calendar days – Everyone plays. Odd calendar days – Level play.

6. Other business: None

- a) Next board meeting date: May 13, 12:30 Whiteside Park.
Motion to adjourn by Michelle, second by Nancy meeting adjourned at 11:15.